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SUBJECT: GVN RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN PRESS

REF: SAIGON 13179

1. ACCORDING TO UPI ITEM DATED LINE SAIGON, GVN SPOKESMAN STATED OCTOBER 15 THAT TWO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS -- IDENTIFIED AS SCHANBERG OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND POMONTI OF LE MONDE -- HAVE BEEN PLACED ON A BLACKLIST AND REFUSED ENTRY INTO SOUTH VIET-NAM. AT OCTOBER 15 PRESS BRIEFING, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HANDLED QUESTION ON FOREGOING AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

Q ANYTHING -- DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE DENIAL OF VISAS OF THE CORRESPONDENTS TO VIET-NAM?

A BEYOND THE USUAL, TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE LOOKING INTO IT -- ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY OFFICIAL REPORTING ON IT, SO WE CAN'T CONFIRM OR DENY THE ACCURACY
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OF THOSE STORIES.

OBVIOUSLY, WHEREVER THIS HAPPENS, WE DEPLORE THE APPLICATION
OF UNDUE RESTRICTIONS ON AMERICAN JOURNALISTS TO REPORT
FULLY ON A SITUATION, INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN VIET-NAM

AND -- WELL, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT OUR EMBASSY IS LOOKING
INTO IT. WE HAVE ASKED THEM TO LOOK INTO IT.

END TEXT.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST REPORT OF EMBASSY'S INVESTI-
GATION INTO BLACKLIST STORY.

3. WE HAVE HAD A FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY FROM OFFICE OF
CONGRESSMAN MARTIN (NORTH CAROLINA) ON HANEY HOWELL CASE
(REF TEL). REQUEST FURTHER REPORT ON HOWELL'S CONDITION
AND STATUS OF GVN INVESTIGATION INTO INCIDENT. INGERSOLL

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